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Globalization and interdependence

Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Globalization and interdependence" and to allocate it to the Second Committee (see A/C.2/56/1).

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 31st, 34th and 36th meetings, on 26 and 29 November and on 4 December 2001. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/56/SR. 31, 34, and 36). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, from 1 to 3 October 2001 (see A/C.2/56/SR.3-8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (A/56/445);

(b) Letter dated 24 July 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué and the Genoa Plan for Africa, adopted at the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Group of Eight, held at Genoa, Italy, from 20 to 22 July 2001 (A/56/222-S/2001/736);

(c) Note verbale dated 14 September 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/364);

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(d) Letter dated 16 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/634-S/2001/1087);

(e) Letter dated 16 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/635-S/2001/1088).

4. At the 31st meeting, on 26 November, the Director of the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/56/SR.31).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.34 and A/C.2/56/L.47

5. At the 34th meeting, on 29 November, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (A/C.2/56/L.34), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 53/169 of 15 December 1998, 54/231 of 22 December 1999 and 55/212 of 20 December 2000 on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

"2. *Takes note also* of the deliberations of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development, to be held at Monterrey, Mexico, from 18 to 22 March 2002;

"3. *Welcomes* the engagement of all relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process of the International Conference on Financing for Development;

"4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the outcome of the Conference, with particular emphasis on its impact on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

"5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled 'Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence'."

6. At the 36th meeting, on 4 December, the Vice-Chairman,. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (A/C.2/56/L.47), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.34.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.47 (see para. 9).

8. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.47, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.34 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 53/169 of 15 December 1998, 54/231 of 22 December 1999 and 55/212 of 20 December 2000 on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;[1]

2. *Takes note also* of the deliberations of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development, to be held at Monterrey, Mexico, from 18 to 22 March 2002;

3. *Stresses* the importance of continued substantive consideration of the item on globalization and interdependence;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on globalization and interdependence, bearing in mind, inter alia, the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Globalization and interdependence".

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[1] A/56/445.